

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

In the Matter of:

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Ponce de Leon, Missouri 65728 Docket No: A2012-114
Post Office State ZIP Code
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Marzee W. Grobe, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Ponce de Leon post office. The Final Determination was posted Jan 19, 2012
(date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

see attached.

Feb 5, 2012

The Ponce de Leon Post Office houses the Book Nook, our drop-off for the Book Mobile from the Galena Public Library. The Book Mobile comes to Ponce once a month, and for those who are at work or school and cannot meet the Book Mobile, the drop off is the only access. The Public Library is in Galena, about seventeen miles away.

The only local phone book recycling bin is in the lobby of the Ponce Post Office. The next drop-off is in Nixa, about fourteen miles away.

In response to questions of accessibility, we have been told that the Rural Carrier will be able to take care of many needs (money orders, stamps, delivery confirmation) either by meeting the Carrier at the mail box or by leaving remuneration in the mail box. Our Rural Carriers are not delivery to an apartment block where they come and go at the same time each day. Our Carrier arrives at only an approximate time each day, and the transit time is effected by not only foul weather, but also obstacles such as downed trees and livestock on the road. Much of the local population that is home during the day is elderly- are you suggesting they walk down to the road and stand in the winter ice storms, the spring thunderstorms or the over 100 degree heat of summer to wait for an hour or more for the Carrier? Leaving money in the mail box is not a sensible option; in the last ten years my mail box has been knocked down twice and blown up once, and that was before meth became such a problem in the area. I do not use my mailbox for outgoing mail, but hand it in at the Ponce Post Office.

One of the problems Ponce is having in keeping its name alive is the Post Office's insistence in giving all buildings on the western side of Medical Springs Road a Galena address. Galena is the county seat of Stone County, and is seventeen miles away. This may, at a distance, seem like merely a bureaucratic folly of no consequence, but has caused considerable confusion in delivery of good and services.

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